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FM AMEMBASSY SINGAPORE

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 4800

INFO AMEMBASSY BANGKOK

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AMEMBASSY JAKARTA

AMEMBASSY KUALA LUMPUR

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SUBJ: RUBBER - ANRPC NATURAL RUBBER PRICE STABILIZATION SCHEME

REF: A. KUALA LUMPUR 1098, B. K.L. 1180: C. K.L. 1339,

D. STATE 048719, E. BANGKOK 5420

1. REFTEL C REPORTS THAT RECENT ASEAN ECONOMIC MINISTERS MEETING IN KUALA LUMPUR REACHED AGREEMENT IN PRINCIPLE ON RUBBER PRICE STABILIZATION SCHEME.

2. DEPARTMENT OF TRADE DIRECTOR RIDZWAN DZAFIR, CHIEF SINGAPORE REPRESENTATIVE TO ANRPC BODIES, WAS NOT PRESENT AT KUALA LUMPUR MEETING AND THEREFORE NOT YET WELL INFORMED ON DETAILS OF THE AGREEMENT. HOWEVER, RIDZWAN SAID AGREEMENT ACHIEVED BECAUSE MINISTERS HAD "TAKEN INTO CONSIDERATION SINGAPORE'S TRADING POSITION".

3. SINGAPORE APPARENTLY OBTAINED SPECIAL CONSIDERATION ON THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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LEVEL OF ITS CONTRIBUTION TO STOCKPILE'S CENTRAL FUND. AC-

CORDING TO NEW NATION MARCH 11, THIS CONCESSION TO SINGAPORE  
DUE MAINLY TO INDONESIAN SUPPORT.

4. AGREEMENT REPORTEDLY LEFT UNCHANGED APPORTIONMENT OF PRICE  
STABILIZATION SCHEME RESPONSIBILITIES TO INDIVIDUAL ANRPC  
COUNTRIES (MALAYSIA 43PCT, INDONESIA 34PCT, THAILAND 12PCT,  
SINGAPORE 11PCT). HOWEVER, WHILE THREE PRODUCER COUNTRIES WILL  
MAKE 75PCT OF THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS TO STOCKPILE IN CASH AND  
25PCT IN STOCK, SINGAPORE NEED ONLY CONTRIBUTE 10PCT IN CASH,  
WITH REMAINING 90PCT TO BE STORED PHYSICALLY  
IN SINGAPORE.

5. RIDZWAN WAS NOT CERTAIN IF HE WOULD ATTEND MARCH 23 KUALA  
LUMPUR ANRPC MEETING OR INDEED, IN VIEW OF ASEAN ACTION, IF  
NEED FOR MEETING STILL EXISTED. HOWEVER, RIDZWAN SAID THAT  
ASEAN ACTION WOULD HAVE TO BE REVIEWED BY THE RUBBER TECHNICIANS  
NOT PRESENT AT ASEAN MINISTERIAL, I.E., BY ANRPC SUB-COMMITTEE  
ON PRICE STABILIZATION SCHEME. HE BELIEVES THAT ANRPC WILL  
RATIFY ASEAN BASIC AGREEMENT.

6. RIDZWAN WOULD NOT ACKNOWLEDGE ANY "SORT OF ALLIANCE" BETWEEN  
SINGAPORE AND THAILAND (REFTEL E, PARA 2). EACH ANRPC COUNTRY  
HAS SEPARATE INTERESTS.

7. EMBASSY HAS IMPRESSION THAT REMAINING QUESTIONS OF BUFFER  
STOCK FINANCING AND MANAGEMENT ARE NO LONGER REGARDED BY GOS  
AS SERIOUS OBSTACLES TO SINGAPORE PARTICIPATION IN PRICE STA-  
BILIZATION SCHEME. HOLDRIDGE

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